

## DANIELSON AND PUTNAM NEWS.

## DANIELSON

Selectmen Offer Reward for Arrest of Stefano's Murderer—Russell Hill House Burned—Matters Social and Personal.

Leslie Murray of Holy Cross college, Worcester, has been spending a few days at his home in Danielson.

Peter Bodian, one of the oldest French-Canadian residents of Danielson, is seriously ill at his home on Dyer street.

Cassius S. Chase of the Danielson Worsteds company is in New York. Frederick E. Bitgood is in New York.

To Address Men's Club.

J. W. Rine is to address the members of the Men's club of the Congregational church this (Wednesday) evening.

Roy Keach, William Marland and Austin Brooks have returned from a stay at Oakland beach.

Attending Conference.

Rev. R. S. Cushman is at Attleboro attending the New England Southern conference of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cogswell, who have been visiting in Danielson, are to return to their home at Oakland beach.

George O. Thomas was in Boston Tuesday.

Warden and Mrs. W. I. Bullard, who have been spending several weeks in the south, are expected to return to Danielson the latter part of this week.

Unclaimed Letters.

Letters addressed as follows are unclaimed at the Danielson postoffice: Joseph Bellis, Louise Dion, Fred Graden, Napoleon, Laborer, Mrs. Barber, Miss M. McAvoy, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Marjorie Hamilton.

Water Wagon Appreciated.

The street sprinkling service was resumed for the first time this year on Tuesday morning and was perhaps as much appreciated as it has ever been. The heavy clouds of dust that have been sweeping over the business section of Danielson for the past few days were quickly overcome by getting the streets wet and keeping them so.

Checkerberry Schoolhouse Burned.

A report comes from the town of Sterling of the destruction of the well known old Checkerberry school house, a landmark in that section. The forest fires that have recently raged in the section of the county swept away the old structure, which has been unused and in a tumbledown condition for years.

OFFER REWARD.

Selectmen Making Effort to Find Man Who Shot Caesar Stefano.

The selectmen of the town of Killingly have authorized the offering of a reward for the arrest of the murderer of Caesar Stefano of Williamsville. The officers have kept up a diligent search for the man, but have been unable to locate him. Various clues have been followed up and investigations made in territory where it was reported that the man was. Another man has been seen since the shooting. In every instance, however, the effort has gone for naught. Deputy Sheriff Michael O'Brien of Attleboro is out for hours Monday afternoon and evening, working with a party of assistants between Danielson and Williamsville, in the hope that the man was said to have been seen shortly after Monday noon. If he was there, they could not find him, nor was any trace of him discovered. The report that came in from Central Village told of a man that boarded a Norwich car there shortly after Monday noon, but also proved to be another than the missing man. Telephone messages have been sent out in all directions from Danielson by Sheriff E. B. Blyden and many others have their eyes open for a man that answers the description of the assassin. It is going to be a difficult matter to get information from the man's countrymen in Williamsville relative to anything that they may know about him, as it is not their custom to aid officers in this way. The chances of getting him are not hopeless, nevertheless.

Officers of Asbury Castle.

Asbury castle, Knights of King Arthur, of the local Methodist church, has elected the following officers: King, Fred Palmer, Jr.; seneschal, Arthur Wilde; heralds, John Day, Floyd Mason, and Melvin Taylor; squire, George E. Blyden; keepers of the exchequer, Harold Blyden; constable, Jacob Spaulding; chamberlains, Leroy Surry (deputy master), Harold Blyden, Fred Palmer, Jr., Arthur Wilde, Alcott Spaulding, Jacob Spaulding, Frank Baker, Alfred Greene; chancellors, Leroy Surry, Albert Warren, Jacob Spaulding.

The order holds a strong interest for its members, to a degree, in fact, that is quite surprising.

Howard A. Cleaver's House Burned.

The house of Howard A. Cleaver in the town of Sterling was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning, the result, it is said, of a defective chimney. The house and all of the contents were consumed, although Mr. Cleaver saved some furniture which he was keeping temporarily in the barn on the place.

The house will be better repaired by many people in this section as the old Russell Hill place, Mr. Hill having left there last fall to spend the winter in Danbury.

Mr. Cleaver, the new owner, comes from Milwaukee, and has been in this section only a few weeks. It is understood that the insurance company, the risk being carried through a local agency.

Next week, Elbert L. Dabbe, collector of taxes for the town of Killingly, will commence the work of getting in the money due on the list last compiled. He has given announcement of the dates and at which he will be at the various villages throughout the town and will endeavor to get all the money due in the shortest possible time.

To Return from Backus Hospital.

Mrs. John Reece, who has been a patient at the Backus hospital in Norwich, suffering with a nervous disorder, is very much improved in health and will be able to be at her home here in a few days.

Railroad Painters Leave for Dayville.

Painters in the employ of the New Haven road who have been working in Danielson for the past few weeks, have completed their work on the railroad station and other property of the company, and have had their cars removed to Dayville, where there is work for them to do.

Applications for appointment as umpires are being received from persons in the various towns making up the Eastern Connecticut baseball league. Four or five appointments are to be made. The umpires receive three dollars a game and their carfare.

Miss Emma P. Pilling and Luther Pilling are spending several days in Washington, D. C.

Miss Helen P. Perkins has as her guest Miss Sarah Wall of Worcester.

Miss E. D. Putnam, who is teaching in Montclair, N. J., is spending the Easter recess at her home.

Miss Grace Witter leaves today for a trip through California.

## PUTNAM

Officers of Wheaton Building & Lumber Company—Petition for Oiled Streets—Autopsy Performed on Stefano—Arguments Begun in Wilcox Thral Case.

At a meeting of the Wheaton Building & Lumber company the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. M. Wheaton; secretary and treasurer, E. M. Corbin; directors, F. M. Wheaton, George F. Miner, E. M. Corbin. It was voted to declare a six per cent. dividend.

Westerly Match Arranged.

Kid Van Bon Corbin, Putnam's lightest little wrestler, is to meet one of the best grapplers among the little fellows when Kid Blison of Fall River, champion of the special weight (125 lbs.) championship, will meet Putnam on the evening of April 7. Blison agrees to throw the Putnam boy twice within an hour or forfeit the match.

WANT OILED STREETS.

One Hundred Petitioners to Pray Common Council for Change from Water.

One hundred names have been secured to the petition to be presented to the members of the common council at their next meeting, asking that certain parts of the streets in the business section of the city be sprinkled with oil rather than water during the coming season. The sections which the petition asks be treated with oil are Elm street from May street to Union square and including the square and Pomfret street from the bridge at Carrell Falls to Burge's corner and from the latter point through Front street to the intersection with the last mentioned street.

Officers of Baptist Church Society.

At a meeting of the Baptist church society held Friday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clerk, Clarence Pierce; treasurer, Charles Arnold; church committee, J. B. Kent, H. O. Preston, Henry Converse.

AUTOPSY PERFORMED.

Medical Examiner Seeks Proofs of Cause of Stefano's Death.

Medical Examiner Rensel Robinson, Jr. of Danielson, performed an autopsy Tuesday on the body of Caesar Stefano of Williamsville, who was shot Sunday night. The autopsy verified the conclusion reached by the coroner's jury that the man was killed by a single operation performed upon Stefano before his death.

The body was later turned over to the selectmen of the town of Killingly. Undertaker Louis E. T. Kennedy taking charge of the body and removing it to his home in Danielson.

FIRE LOSS \$2,000.

House Owned by Frank Read at Thompson Burned.

A spark from a passing locomotive is given as the originating cause of a fire that burned over a considerable area before being extinguished. The house owned by Frank Read of Webster near the Thompson railroad station Tuesday afternoon. The loss is estimated at about \$2,500. The house has been occupied by Italian laborers.

DYNAMITE THREATENED.

Brush Fire Causes Alarm—Hose Company Summoned.

Mansfield Hose company was called out on a still alarm Tuesday afternoon to subdue a brush fire near Sheldon's carriage shop. Buildings in that section were endangered and there was alarm that the fire creating a panic. It reached a point where a building containing dynamite is located.

Another fire of similar nature occurred Tuesday afternoon, between the long railroad bridge and west of the Quinebaug river. This fire threatened the houses owned by the Thompson company and river in the employ of the company fought it until it was extinguished.

May Restore Fitchburg Express.

It is rumored that the train known as the Fitchburg express, taken off when the train service was reduced by the New Haven road is to be restored when the summer schedule goes into effect. The train, which runs from New York, via Worcester, Putnam, Williamsville, and from the latter city to the Air Line tracks to New Haven and to New York. The train was always a popular one with business men and if it is going to be restored it will be appreciated as much as ever.

Unclaimed Letters.

Letters addressed as follows are unclaimed at the Putnam postoffice this week: John Gant, Edward Gallagher, D. Harris, Irving Hartshorn, E. C. Richards, J. E. Stiles, Henry Stone.

About the City.

Miss Elizabeth Rawley has resigned as organist at the Methodist church after eight years' service.

John Child, employed in the Hamden office of the New Haven road, is unable to work because of injury to his hand.

Mrs. George E. Shaw and Mrs. Silas M. Shaw are in East Greenwich.

Frank Howarth is acting as messenger in the superior court this week.

E. M. Wheaton, confined to his home with pneumonia is showing gradual improvement.

John Prince of Eastford is spending a few days with friends in Putnam.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Evidence All in Case of Wilcox vs. Thral.

ed at the funeral of Samuel Baste held at one o'clock at Putnam Heights on Tuesday.

Seriously Ill.

Mrs. T. P. Botham of Wilkinson street is seriously ill with plural pneumonia and Mr. Botham is very ill with the grip. Their children, Mrs. W. Botham and Mr. Botham, are in Putnam.

Briefs and Personal.

Miss Mary Wheelock has returned from a visit in Uxbridge, Mass.

Mrs. Helen Willey has returned from a two weeks' visit in Boston and in Maine.

Mrs. Francis Bugbee of South Main street who has been very ill the past week was more comfortable on Tuesday.

Mrs. W. Beard and her daughter, Marjorie and Kathleen, are in Mount Vernon, N. Y. where Rev. Mr. Beard and his family are to reside.

Past Regent Mrs. G. E. Shaw and Mrs. S. M. Wilcox were present to represent Elizabeth Porter Putnam chapter at the meeting of the Connecticut D. A. R. held at Greenwich today.

Mrs. S. S. Beebe of Canada returned to Tenaply, N. J., on Tuesday after spending a week with her sister, Miss Beebe, at Killingly avenue.

Mrs. C. M. Green spent Easter Sunday with H. I. Dodge's family in Providence.

STONINGTON.

Travel Club Hears Instructive Papers—Salad Supper—Calvary Sunday School Awards Prizes—Sudden Death.

The Travel club held its weekly session at the free library Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. H. R. Palmer spoke most interestingly on "English Gothic Architecture." Mr. C. C. Stone gave an interesting account of Oxford. A large number attended.

Many at Salad Supper.

On Tuesday evening the Children of Mary chapter of the Travel club held a large crowd. Danding during the evening added to the pleasure of all who were present.

C. Howard Barber and son Lester have moved to Bridgewater, where Mr. Barber has secured employment.

Preparing for Fishing Season.

Fred Ostman is setting pound stakes this week, preparing for the season's fishing. Many of the local fishermen are painting and launching their fishing snucks and are looking forward to an early catch.

Big Easter Stamp Sale.

The local postoffice has had an unusual amount of business during Easter week. The stamps were sold at one cent each and all were sold.

Meeting of Episcopal Parish.

The annual meeting of Calvary Episcopal parish was held in the church Monday evening.

Many auto have been in town this week, registering from different states. James Harvey will carry the baggage from the railroad station to and from the steamer Watch Hill and steamer New Shoreham this season.

Monday Miss Susan C. Durgin returned to New York.

Walter Wright returned Tuesday to New York.

Prizes for Punctual Pupils.

In Calvary church Sunday school the following prizes were awarded: First prize, for the best essay on "The Life of Christ," Miss Sarah Thompson and George Thompson; second prize, to those not missing over three times during the year, Georgianna Holland, Irene McKinney, Eva Thompson, Sarah McKinney, George Robinson, Thomas Spears, Robert Adams, and Fred Patterson.

Harry Maxwell and John Thompson, special mention was made of Sarah Thompson, who missed only two sessions during the year.

James Williams returned Tuesday to New Haven after spending Sunday in town with friends.

Eighty Degrees in the Shade.

A perfect spring day was enjoyed in town Tuesday. There was very little breeze blowing and the thermometer registered 80 degrees in the shade at noon.

Charles E. Beebe of Hartford was in town Monday.

John A. Money has been entertaining Mrs. Van Eiten from Derby.

J. C. Lilley of Watertown, N. Y., spent Tuesday in town.

## MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN AND EVILS ATTENDING THEREON

Question of Inspection Raised and Alleged Erroneous Theories Attacked—Expense Unnecessary?—Germs, Serum, Vaccines and Squir Guns—Contagion and Right Living.

(Published by Request.)

The subjoined communication which was printed in The Waterbury Republican recently is of particular interest just now in view of all the talk going on here for medical inspection in our schools. The writer is a general practitioner who has given the subject close study and his views are freely and frankly set forth in the following:

Sir: The subject of medical inspection of the children in the public schools is prominently brought to the public attention by the board of health in appointing a medical inspector for the schools; through the special address of the president of the board of health, and through the action of the board of finance in refusing to pay the "salary" of the medical inspector and in doing so seem out of order to take up some features of the subject, of interest to every citizen, at this particular time.

It seems pertinent to ask, first, is there any real need for medical inspection in the schools in particular? Second, what warrant has the board of public health for its action in appointing a medical inspector at \$1,200 per year when the appropriation asked for the purpose of the board is not allowed; and, third, if medical inspection is as necessary and important as it is claimed to be, why does it not seem to be a more generally accepted and satisfactory by one doctor, devoting only a portion of his time, among the 100,000 children at present in our schools?

When the subject of medical inspection in our public schools was first broached, it was by the board of health, at a salary of \$400 per year each. At that time it was seriously questioned if medical inspection, if so vital, was necessary and necessary. It was had at an expenditure of only \$800 per year and be good for anything. The advocates of the matter admitted that for the purpose of the board, not begin to pay for the thorough medical school inspection they declared we were sadly in need of, but gave us a medium of infection, and the medical inspection would prove itself such a benefit and blessing to the community that the appropriations for it would be increased year by year.

If I remember correctly, its advocates at the time failed to show the need for medical inspection, and the board of health was not prepared to engage in more practical and natural modes of treatment.

To any ordinary observer it looks as if the ultimate object of modern medical research and so-called "progress" based on the theories of contagion and "disease germs," was to bring the practice of medicine a mechanical art. The symptoms, vitality, condition, age, sex, will not need to be considered in connection with the patient. The coming doctor, in fact he is already here, will simply obtain a few scrapings of "germs" and perhaps a lock of hair, from his patient, and send them to his laboratory of diagnosis of the case and, having thus obtained information as to what all the "bugs" are doing, he will inject the patient with a "squir gun" under the other.

No mistake about it, the modern doctor, in fact, is a quack, and he is not only that, but if a person is well, and wants to keep well, all he has to do is to apply to this doctor and he will inject the patient with "disease germs," at frequent intervals, until it "takes," for immunizing purposes, that is, as a preventive. It seems to me that the modern doctor, with all his "disease germs," did not have one of our modern doctors at his elbow when he created this earth and all it contains, to the detriment of our health.

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ly those who serve on boards of health and can speak "officially" as to the prevalence of the disease would be certain to follow because of the large number of persons exposed. But, nothing of the sort happens.

This is due to the unconsciousness of the "disease" run, and the consequent absence of fear on the part of those who have come in contact with the "dangerous" individual; an example of one case where "ignorance is bliss."

Had they been aware of it, some of them would very likely have developed the disease; I say "some of them" for not every one fears disease and contagion, but those who have been educated to believe in contagion and "disease germs," and by seeing houses placarded, and policemen standing guard in front of dwellings, have developed a fear of disease, would be, and like as not their sickness would take on the symptoms of the particular disease.

That disease can be induced by fear is a fact so generally known that no instances need be cited. The "germ theory," so-called, like the theory of contagion, is a dangerous delusion. It is not to be understood to deny the existence of "germs," or "microbes," or whatever they may be called, but with such a delusion, the theory that "germs" found associated with disease, are, of themselves able to infect others with the disease, is a delusion. It is not to be understood to deny the fact that, however asserted to be the cause, I said "of themselves," for there is a way by which they may be made to serve as a medium of infection. In this way, they do not need to be understood to deny the existence of "germs," or "microbes," or whatever they may be called, but with such a delusion, the theory that "germs" found associated with disease, are, of themselves able to infect others with the disease, is a delusion. 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